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## Cindy's Chalkboard



♪ *Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord...Our God, you reign forever! Our hope, our strong deliverer!* ♪ -  
“Everlasting God” – Chris Tomlin

You'll understand why the words to this Chris Tomlin song keep running through my mind as I think about the past few weeks of our youth “Flamingo Flocking” fundraiser. It was a successful and fun event and one I hope we can repeat often. These endearing flocks of flamingos landed in all sorts of yards and brought a lot of joy and surprise. I thanked Mark Mann, our illustrious Youth Minister, and the youth for the honor of having the flamingo long-term nesting station at the parsonage...I believe we hold the all-time record of hosting a flamingo parking lot in the front yard for several consecutive days!! Even though our street is in the process of an extreme makeover, I know the construction crews have slowed down, taken a second look, and smiled at the sight of this crazy pink flock. What a great way to get New Haven UMC a whole lot of PR – all the while, waiting to be taken up again and planted in another unsuspecting yard. Thank you, Mark and our awesome youth!

Psalm 130:3-8 tells us “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”

During this season of Lent, we think about our own lives, and the many times God has been waiting on us – to act, to help, to serve, to answer his call. We look inside ourselves and ask some hard questions about who we are, and who God wants us to be. Some days we fall short of the mark, and God just picks us up and gives us a chance to learn from our mistakes and move on. Whether we look back or whether we look forward, we look to Christ.

These past few weeks we have been asking some hard questions about how God works in our world. We are trying to understand a good and loving God, in a world full of pain. But, the *good news* we need to remember is that one day, there will be no more pain and suffering, no more sin and injustice in this world. Until that day we will wait and trust in the one who gives us the hope and peace to carry us through.

Remember the promises of our Lord!

Walking the journey with each one of you.  
Pastor Cindy



## STEW DINNER FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHO ARE HOMELESS

We'd like to invite you to help prepare a stew dinner, bake a pie, and/or serve the meal. The dinner will be served on Wednesday, March 30th. If you would like to participate, you may sign up on Sundays March 13, 20, or 27 at the Outreach table. Please bring your food items to the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 4:15 pm on March 30th. If you are helping serve the meal, please be in the New Haven kitchen by 4:45 pm.

Thank you and God's Speed,  
Adriaan Duiveman

## MEMORIAL GIFTS TO NEW HAVEN

Gifts to the Endowment Fund were received from the Christian Living Class in memory of Nell Summers and from John & Georgia Klabzuba in memory of Bill Garms and Leontine Klabzuba.

Gifts to the Memorial Fund were received from Lois Bailey in memory of Nell Summers.

Gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of Alma Mullendore were given by:

Lou & Herta Yonke  
Nancy Benner  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mason

## Adult Sunday School Classes Come join us at 9:45 am!

### Room 185: Discovery Class

The Gospel of Matthew

### Room 209: Fellowship Class

"We Worship God" Adult Bible Study Curriculum

### Room 210: New Friendship Class

"The Lost Gods"-a film series study of ancient religions

### Parlor: Christian Living Class

"I Timothy" Adult Bible Study Curriculum

### Room 161 Interlude Class

"Blessing of the Cross" by Robert Walker

### Room 205: Journeys Class

"Christianity and Science"

## Offerings for Japan

Praise God for your response to His call! We have received about \$800. for our brothers and sisters in Japan!

If you would like to share in this much needed ministry, you can drop your check in the offering plate during the next few weeks or mail it to the church office. Just make your check out to NHUMC and in the memo line write UMCOR-Japan. We'll send your checks to the United Methodist Core on Relief in the Oklahoma Methodist Conference. We will keep you updated on this ministry to our extended family. Please keep them in your prayers!

Adriaan Duiveman

## Bithell Farms Fruit & Seafood

The delivery truck will be on our parking lot on Wednesday, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m.  
Please be prompt!!!

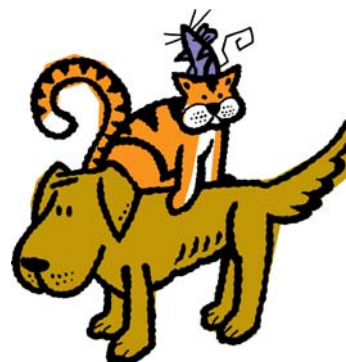
## New Haven Reads

For all you readers out there who love to spend time with a good book, come try our New Haven book club which meets on the first Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm. We will be reading and discussing "I Capture the Castle" by Dodie Smith on Sunday, April 3rd. Come to the church parlor and share what **you** thought about the book!

## Blessing of the Animals

Rev. Jan Boyd will once again hold a special "Blessing of the Animals" service on the front lawn of the church on Sunday, April 3rd at

3:00 pm. Bring your "best friends" on a leash or in a cage and let them receive God's special blessings!! (Please be prepared to clean up after your pet!)



## Church wide pot luck lunch—May 15.

### Celebrating those who have been married 50 plus years!

Please plan to join us to honor all the couples in our church who have been married 50 or more years on Sunday May 14. Each week we will “spotlight” one of the couples. (Look for Dick & Kay Garwood’s story next week!)

### **Tom & Mary Lou Black**

Tom and I were married July 27, 1952 in the First Methodist Church in Tishomingo, Ok. Dr. Howard Plowman was the minister. Tom and I had both graduated from OSU (Oklahoma A & M) in May, 1952. We have 2 daughters who were in the New Haven Membership Classes and were both married at New Haven. Cynthia Bryant is married to Joe Bryant and they live in Houston, Texas. Megan Zimmerman is married to Joe Zimmerman and they live in Dallas, Texas. The Bryants have 2 daughters...Whitney Rahim and Paige Bryant (soon to be Paige Bryce). The Zimmermans also have 2 daughters, Hayley and Abby. Tom worked 29 years for Cities Service Company and upon early retirement became a real estate associate. He works for Prudential Detrick Realty Co. We joined New Haven in January, 1964 and have seen many changes. We love this church and cannot imagine going to any other one!!!

## **CROSSES OF LOVE**

Crosses of Love are a Dutch tradition adopted by New Haven in 1984. Crosses have been shared in the Tulsa community and surrounding areas.

For those who are not familiar with this tradition, the crosses are made of wood and decorated with ribbons, silk flowers, candy, raisins, a book mark, and the history of the crosses.

Crosses have been given to police stations, nursing homes, Hospice, fire stations, Circle of Care, and the Children’s Home. We also include our members who are ill or home-bound. You will be able to take part in this community outreach ministry through your Sunday School class and/or individually. The Outreach committee will provide the crosses, ribbon, flowers, and bookmarks at the Outreach table on Sunday, April 3rd. Thanks, New Haven, for keeping this tradition alive as part of your outreach commitment!

## **Opportunities of the Week** March 27 ~ April 3, 2011

### **SUNDAY, March 27**

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children’s Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship & Children’s Church
- 4:00 pm Footprints
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Disciple II/Pastor’s Office
- 5:00 pm Children’s Choir
- 5:30 pm Bible Blast
- 5:30 pm UMY

### **MONDAY, March 28**

- 6:00 pm Writer’s Group/185

### **TUESDAY, March 29**

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym
- 7:30 pm AA/ Rooms 185, 209, 210  
Alanon/ Room 205, 206

### **WEDNESDAY, March 30**

- 12:15 pm Lenten Bible Study/Parlor
- 4:45 pm Day Center Meal
- 6:00 pm Bell Choir
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
- 7:00 pm A.C.O.A./206

### **THURSDAY, March 31**

- 4:15 pm Guitar Lessons
- 5:00 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Yoga/210

### **FRIDAY, April 1**

- 7:30 pm AA Gym
- 9:00 pm Youth Lock In

### **SATURDAY, April 2**

- 10:00 am Men’s Brunch Bunch/Parlor

### **SUNDAY, April 3**

- 8:45am Contemporary Worship & Children’s Church
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children’s Church
- 3:00 pm Blessing of the Animals/Front Lawn
- 4:00 pm New Haven Reads/Parlor
- 4:00 pm Footprints/Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Disciple I/Parlor
- 5:00 pm Disciple II/Pastor’s Office
- 5:00 pm Children’s Choir
- 5:30 pm UMY



### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

### **Sunday, March 20th**

8:45 am— 74  
11:00 am—108  
Total— 182